

Training Support for FY 06

We plan to continue to support most training at an increased level much the same as we did in the last fiscal year. There will be some minor changes which I will review below.

We plan to continue to subsidize 100% of the cost of facilitating in-house Essentials training with the following limitations:

- EST will pay for up to twenty-five Essentials Student Manuals and Student Application Workbooks for any department. The department will be responsible for any additional materials needed.**
- EST will also furnish a qualified instructor if necessary to mentor the designated in-house instructor(s) to help them get started delivering the training.**

Flashover (FOT) training will be subsidized 100% by EST as long as the class size meets minimum guidelines. All departments participating in FOT must submit certificates of Worker's Comp Insurance coverage for their personnel in advance of the training – no exceptions. Host departments must furnish the ½ inch particle board, the scrap pallets, and the propane consumed during this training.

EST will pay 100% of the cost of up twenty-five Driver/Operator student manuals for any department wishing to pursue in-house Driver/Operator training.

All technical rescue classes and will be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis .

EST will pay 100% of the cost of all National Fire Academy Training. We anticipate receiving a training grant from the National Fire Academy again this year to help with NFA training expenses. The reporting requirements contained in the NFA State Training Grant require all students to complete the NFA short registration forms and send them back to us within ten days of the completion of the training. These are then forwarded to the NFA where they are tallied to help justify the continued funding of this training grant program by the federal government.

EST will continue to fund 100% of Haz Mat Awareness and Operations training in FY 2005. Haz Mat Technician training will be subsidized on a 75/25% basis.

Extrication training will be subsidized on a 75/25% basis as long as class size is within guidelines.

Finally, Instructor pay rates will remain the same for FY 06 since we received no increase in our program funding this year. State-qualified level one instructors will be compensated at the rate of \$22.00 per hour. Level two instructors will be paid \$25.00 per hour. Mileage and per diem rates are set by the technical college which serves the area where the training occurs. All instructors will need to make sure they are registered with the college serving the area where a class is delivered. Automated payroll systems tend to discard part-time employees who have not drawn a paycheck within the past six months or so. Be sure to check if you are current before teaching a class.

Please contact EST if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Practice safety—in training, and in response, and stay in the black.

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